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Optically measuring substances using propagation modes of light

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Amendments to the Specification:

1. Please replace the paragraph [0001] beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of PCT Application No. US2004/17649 entitled "Measurements of Optical Inhomogeneity and other Properties in Substances Using Propagation Modes of Light" and filed June 4, 2004. [This] The above-referenced PCT application claims the benefits of the following four U.S. Provisional Applications:

1. Serial No. 60/475,673 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Acquiring Images of Optical Inhomogeneity in Substances" and filed June 4, 2003;

2. Serial No. 60/514,768 entitled "Coherence-Gated Optical Glucose Monitor" and filed October 27, 2003;

3. Serial No. 60/526,935 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Acquiring Images of Optical Inhomogeneity in Substances" and filed December 4, 2003; and

4. Serial 60/561,588 entitled "Acquiring Information of Optical Inhomogeneity and Other Properties in Substances" and filed April 12, 2004.

2. Please replace the paragraph [0002] beginning at page 1, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] In addition, [this] the above-referenced PCT application claims the benefit of a prior a-pending U.S. Application No. 10/860,094 [] entitled "MEASUREMENTS OF OPTICAL INHOMOGENEITY AND OTHER PROPERTIES IN SUBSTANCES USING PROPAGATION MODES OF LIGHT" and filed on June 3, 2004, which was later published as U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2005-0018202

A1 on January 27, 2005 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,943,881 on September 13, 2005.

3. Please replace the paragraph [0003] beginning at page 1, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] The entire disclosures of the above-referenced U.S. applications are incorporated herein by reference as part of this [PCT] application.

4. Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0003] beginning at page 1, line 21:

Furthermore, the entire disclosures of the following U.S. patent publications and patents are incorporated by reference as part of the specification of this application:

1. The above-referenced U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2005-0018202 A1;

2. The above-referenced U.S. Patent No. 6,943,881;

3. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-0246490 A1 entitled "Measurements of Substances Using Two Different Propagation Modes of Light Through a Common Optical Path" and published on December 9, 2004;

4. U.S. Patent No. 6,903,820 entitled "Measurements of Substances Using Two Different Propagation Modes of Light Through a Common Optical Path" and issued on June 7, 2005; and

5. PCT Publication No. 05/001522 dated January 6, 2005 for the above-referenced PCT Application US2004/17649.

5. Please amend the title of the application to read as follows:

~~MEASUREMENTS OF OPTICAL INHOMOGENEITY AND OTHER PROPERTIES~~
~~IN OPTICALLY MEASURING SUBSTANCES USING PROPAGATION MODES OF~~
LIGHT

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) A device for optically measuring a sample, comprising:

a waveguide to receive and guide an input beam in a first propagation mode;

a probe head coupled to the waveguide to receive the input beam and to reflect a first portion of the input beam back to the waveguide in the first propagation mode and direct a second portion of the input beam to a sample, the probe head collecting reflection of the second portion from the sample and exporting to the waveguide the reflection as a reflected second portion in a second propagation mode different from the first propagation mode; and

a detection module to receive the reflected first portion and the reflected second portion in the waveguide and to extract information of the sample carried by the reflected second portion.

26. (Original) The device as in claim 25, further comprising:

an optical delay device in an optical path of the reflected first and second portions to produce a relative phase delay between the reflected first and second portions; and

an optical delay modulator in the optical path of the reflected first and second portions to modulate the relative phase.

27. (Original) The device as in claim 25, further comprising an optical delay modulator in an optical path of the reflected first and second portions to produce a relative phase delay between the reflected first and second portions and to modulate the relative phase.

28. (Original) The device as in claim 25, further comprising a variable optical delay unit in an optical path of the reflected first and second portions to produce a variable relative phase delay between the reflected first and second portions, wherein the variable optical delay unit comprises:

a mode splitting unit to separate the reflected first portion in the first propagation mode and the second portion in the second propagation mode into a first optical path and a second optical path, respectively; and

a variable optical delay element in one of the first and the second optical paths to adjust an optical path length.

29-112. (Canceled)

113. (Original) A device for optically measuring a sample, comprising:

a waveguide, which supports a first propagation mode and a second, different propagation mode, to receive and guide an input beam in both the first and the second propagation modes;

a probe head coupled to the waveguide to receive the input beam and to reflect a first portion of the input beam in the first propagation mode back to the waveguide in the first propagation mode and direct a second portion of the input beam in the second propagation mode to a sample, the probe head collecting reflection of the second portion from the sample and

exporting to the waveguide the reflection as a reflected second portion in the second propagation mode; and

a detection module to receive the reflected first portion and the reflected second portion in the waveguide and to extract information of the sample carried by the reflected second portion.

114. (Original) The device as in claim 113, further comprising:

an optical delay device in an optical path of the reflected first and second portions to produce a relative phase delay between the reflected first and second portions; and

an optical delay modulator in the optical path of the reflected first and second portions to modulate the relative phase.

115. (Original) The device as in claim 113, further comprising an optical delay modulator in an optical path of the reflected first and second portions to produce a relative phase delay between the reflected first and second portions and to modulate the relative phase.

116. (Original) The device as in claim 113, further comprising a variable optical delay unit in an optical path of the reflected first and second portions to produce a variable relative phase delay between the reflected first and second portions, wherein the variable optical delay unit comprises:

a mode splitting unit to separate the reflected first portion in the first propagation mode and the second portion in the second propagation mode into a first optical path and a second optical path, respectively; and

a variable optical delay element in one of the first and the second optical paths to adjust an optical path length.

117-154. (Canceled)

155. (Original) A device for optically measuring a sample, comprising:

a waveguide, which supports at least an input propagation mode of light, to receive and guide an input beam in the input propagation mode;

a probe head coupled to the waveguide to receive the input beam and to reflect a first portion of the input beam back to the waveguide in the input propagation mode and direct a second portion of the input beam in the input propagation mode to a sample, the probe head collecting reflection of the second portion from the sample and exporting to the waveguide the reflection as a reflected second portion in the input propagation mode; and

a detection module to receive the reflected first portion and the reflected second portion in the input propagation mode from the waveguide and to extract information of the sample carried by the reflected second portion.

156. (Original) The device as in claim 155, wherein the detection module comprises:

a beam splitter to split received light into a first beam and a second beam;

a first optical path to receive the first beam;

a second optical path to receive the second beam;

a beam combiner optically coupled to the first and the second optical paths to combine the first and second beams and to split the combined beam into a first output beam in a first

propagation mode and a second output beam in a second propagation mode;

a first optical detector to receive the first output beam;
and

a second detector to receive the second output beam.

157. (Original) The device as in claim 156, wherein the detection module comprises a variable optical delay element in the second optical path to adjust a relative delay between the first and the second beams at the beam combiner.

158. (Original) The device as in claim 156, wherein the beam combiner is a polarization beam splitter and the first and the second propagation modes are two orthogonal polarization modes.

159. (Original) The device as in claim 155, wherein the optical probe head comprises an optical partial reflector which reflects the first portion of the input beam back to the waveguide.

160. (Original) The device as in claim 155, further comprising a tunable optical filter in an optical path of light to tune the frequency of the first and second output beams to measure the sample with a spectral bandwidth of the filter.

161. (Original) The device as in claim 155, further comprising a positioning mechanism coupled to adjust a relative lateral position between the optical probe head and the sample to direct the second portion to reach different locations on the sample to obtain information of the sample at the different locations.

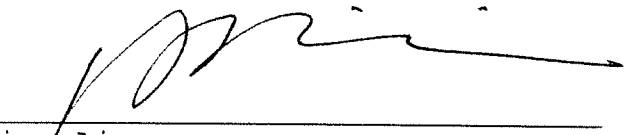
Remarks

Prior to examination of the present application, please enter the amendments to the specification and claims as indicated above. Claims 25-25, 113-116 and 155-161 remain pending and are to be examined. Accordingly, the claim fee for filing this application is computed based on the actually filed claims in this application: Claims 25-25, 113-116 and 155-161.

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the specification of which:

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- ☒ was filed on February 2, 2006, as Application Serial No. 10/567,185.
- ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.

PCT/US04/17649 filed on June 4, 2004.

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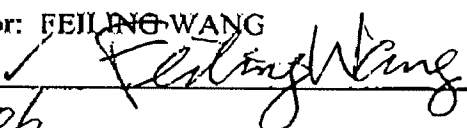
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